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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, SEPTEMBER 27

VERSION OF HERSH ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN EARLIER EDITION
OF NEW YORK TIMES CLOSED WITH FOLLOWING TEXT:

QUOTE: "THERE USED TO BE A CABLE A WEEK ON THE ISSUE,"
ONE OFFICIAL SAID, "TELLING US HOW HE WAS COMPLAINING" TO
(GEN. AUGUSTO PINOCHET, THE CHILEAN PRESIDENT). "I DON'T
SEE THAT HE'S DOING IT ANY MORE," HE ADDED.

QUOTE: OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES SAID THAT MR. POPPER HAD
BEEN DISTRESSED BY THE LETTER OF COMPLAINT, WHICH WAS FOR-
WARDED TO HIM BY JACK B. KUBISCH, THE FORMER ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WHO NOW IS
AMBASSADOR TO GREECE.

QUOTE: THE SOURCES SAID MR. POPPER HAD TOLD MEMBERS OF HIS
STAFF IN SANTIAGO THAT HE HAD BEEN "GIGGED" BY MR. KISSIN-
GER AND HAD EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THE COMPLAINT WAS OVER
HIS HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS. HE TOLD HIS STAFF, THE SOURCES
SAID, THAT HE HAD EXPECTED TO BE CRITICIZED FOR HIS PUBLIC
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EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE JUNTA.

QUOTE: IN TESTIMONY JULY 23 BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY
SUBCOMMITTEE ON REFUGEES, HARRY W. SHLAUDEMANN, DEPUTY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICA AFFAIRS, SAID THE
ADMINISTRATION WAS AWARE OF THE ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE
IN CHILE BUT HAD CONCLUDED THAT SUCH ACTIONS DID NOT
REPRESENT "A SYSTEMATIC OR DELIBERATE POLICY ON THE PART
OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT." UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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